

infringed.⁸ The exercise of particular rights of members is subject to reasonable rules and regulations in the labor organization's constitution and by-laws.⁹

§ 452.8 Trusteeship provisions, title III.

Placing a labor organization under trusteeship consistent with title III, may have the effect of suspending the application of title IV to the trustee organization (see § 452.15).

§ 452.9 Prohibition against certain persons holding office; section 504.

Among the safeguards for labor organizations provided in title V is a prohibition against the holding of office by certain classes of persons.¹⁰ This provision makes it a crime for any person willfully to serve in certain positions, including as an elected officer of a labor organization, for a period of three to thirteen years after conviction or imprisonment for the commission of specified offenses, including violation of titles II or III of the Act, or conspiracy or attempt to commit such offenses. It is likewise a crime for any labor organization or officer knowingly to permit such a person to serve in such positions. Persons subject to the prohibition applicable to convicted criminals may serve if their citizenship rights have been fully restored after being taken away by reason of the conviction, or if, following the procedures set forth in the Act, it is determined that their service would not be contrary to the purposes of the Act.

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§ 452.10 Retaliation for exercising rights.

Section 609, which prohibits labor organizations or their officials from disciplining members for exercising their rights under the Act, and section 610, which makes it a crime for any person

to use or threaten force or violence for the purpose of interfering with or preventing the exercise of any rights protected under the Act, apply to rights relating to the election of officers under title IV.

Subpart C—Coverage of Election Provisions

§ 452.11 Organizations to which election provisions apply.

Title IV of the Act contains election provisions applicable to national and international labor organizations, except federations of such organizations, to intermediate bodies such as general committees, conferences, system boards, joint boards, or joint councils, certain districts, district councils and similar organizations and to local labor organizations.¹¹ The provisions do not apply to State and local central bodies, which are explicitly excluded from the definition of "labor organization".¹² The characterization of a particular organizational unit as a "local," "intermediate," etc., is determined by its functions and purposes rather than the formal title by which it is known or how it classifies itself.

§ 452.12 Organizations comprised of government employees.

An organization composed entirely of government employees (other than employees of the United States Postal Service) is not subject to the election provisions of the Act. Section 3(e) of the Act, defining the term "employer," specifically excludes the United States Government, its wholly owned corporations, and the States and their political subdivisions from the scope of that term, and section 3(f) defines an "employee" as an individual employed by an "employer." Since a "labor organization" is defined in section 3(i) as one in which "employees" participate and which exists in whole or in part for the purpose of "dealing with employers," an organization composed entirely of government employees would not be a

⁸But the Secretary may bring suit to enforce section 104 (29 U.S.C. 414).

⁹Act, sec. 101(a)(1), 101(a)(2), and 101(b) (29 U.S.C. 411).

¹⁰Act, sec. 504(a) (29 U.S.C. 504), as amended by the Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984, Public Law 98-473, secs. 229, 235, 803 and 804. See text at footnote 23 for a list of the disabling crimes.

¹¹For the scope of the term "labor organization," see part 451 of this chapter.

¹²See § 451.5 of this chapter for a definition of "State or local central body."